

REMARKS

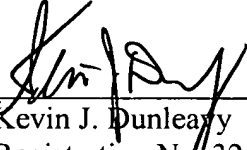
Preliminary to the Examination of the above-identified application, please enter this Preliminary Amendment.

The specification and abstract have been amended to correct minor editorial problems. Figure 3 has been amended to correct the spelling of the word, "successive." The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Annotated version of Figure 3,
... Replacement sheet 2/4 of the drawings,
... Substitute specification, and
... Substitute abstract.

Annotated Figure 3

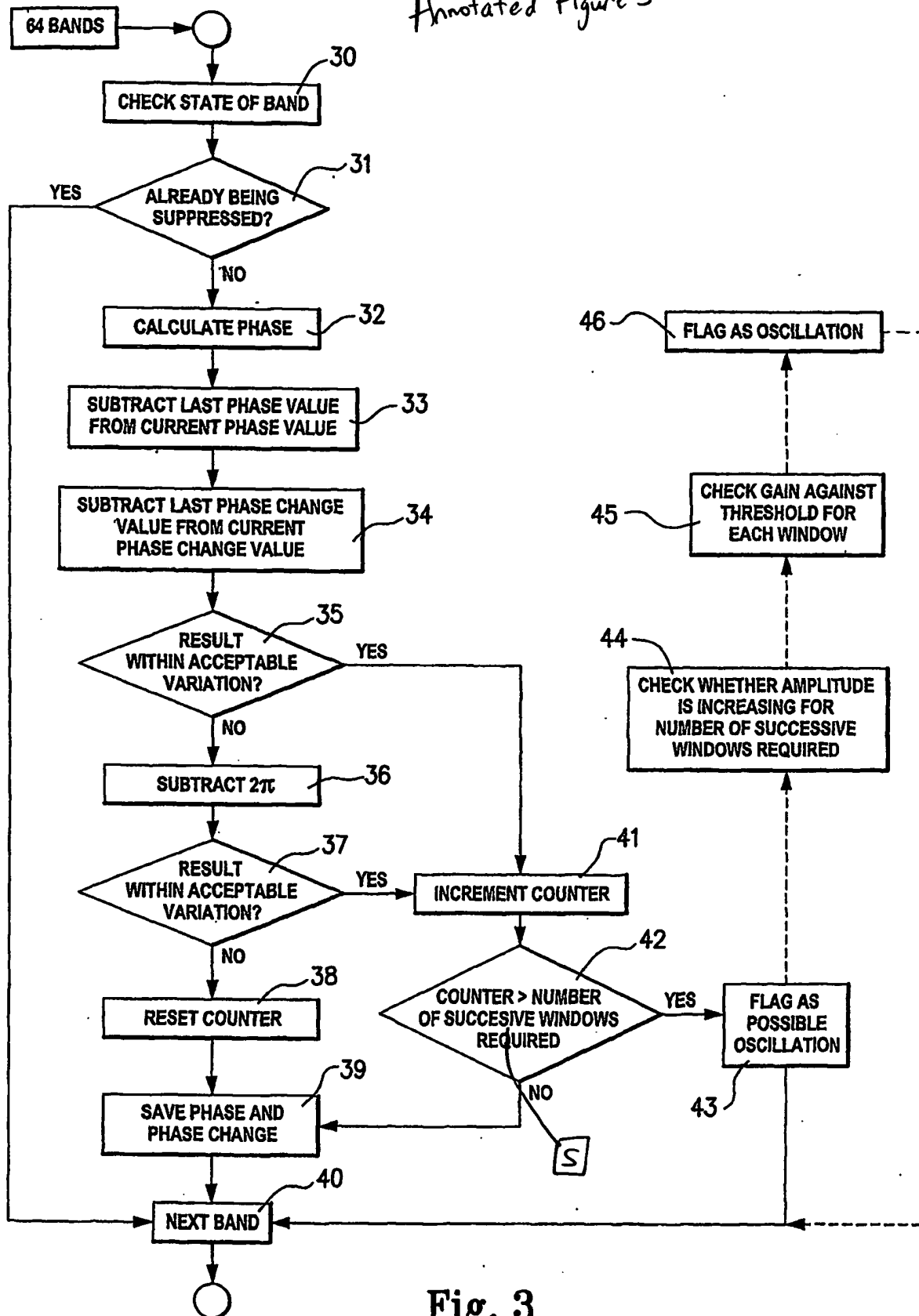


Fig. 3